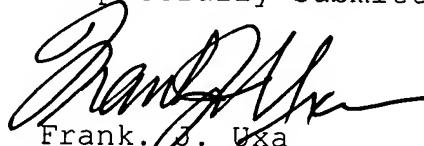


Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims of Group II at a later date, for example, in a later filed, related application.

Applicant requests withdrawal of the restriction requirement in that the Group I and Group II claims are both drawn to a chemical gas generator, as recognized by the Examiner on page 2 of the Examiner's communication. Applicant submits that claims in Groups I and II are not so unrelated so as to cause an undue burden on the Examiner in examining all of the claims of the above-identified application. Therefore, applicant requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and all of the present claims, that is, claims 31-40, be considered in the above-identified application.

Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,



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